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AFRICANS NOT TO FIGHT AS MERCENARIES IN

MOZAMBIQUE

1. SPEAKING IN PARLIAMENT DURING DEBATE ON DEFENSE APPROPRIATION BILL SEPTEMBER 9, MINDEFENSE P.W. BOTHA SAID: "I WANT TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT SOUTH AFRICANS WILL NOT JOIN MERCENARY MOVEMENTS. IF PEOPLE WANT TO DO SERVICE IN PROTECTION OF OUR COUNTRY THEY ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE DEFENSE FORCE, THE CITIZEN FORCE, OR THE COMMANDOS. I DON'T BELIEVE IN THE TYPE OF EFFORT WE HAVE BEEN READING ABOUT IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS."

2. BOTHA WAS REFERRING TO NEWS REPORTS ABOUT MERCENARIES FROM SOUTH AFRICA EITHER BEING RECRUITED OR ACTUALLY

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TRAVELING TO MOZAMBIQUE. SAG OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US THAT TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE THERE IS NO RECRUITMENT TAKING PLACE

AND THAT IF THEY BECAME AWARE OF RECRUITMENT THEY WOULD
ACT TO PREVENT IT.

3. THEY ADMIT THERE IS NO EFFECTIVE WAY THEY CAN PREVENT
MERCENARIES LEAVING SOUTH AFRICA AND JOINING ANTI-LIBERATION
FORCES ELSEWHERE. HOWEVER, THEY SAY THERE IS NO INDICATION
THAT ANY SIZEABLE NUMBER OF SOUTH AFRICANS HAS GONE TO
MOZAMBIQUE. FOR EXAMPLE, ON SEPT 8 ONLY ABOUT 30 CARS
CROSSED BORDER POINT FROM SA INTO MOZAMBIQUE, AND MOST
OCCUPANTS OF THESE CARS WERE PORTUGUESE.
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